

Electoral System

It is the responsibility of the board of directors to establish the electoral system used for electing board members.

Authority under RCW 28A.343.040

The board of directors, with the assistance of the administration, the Educational Service District and the State Redistricting Commission, and consultants (e.g., attorneys, demographic experts, etc.) as appropriate, will prepare for the division or redivision of the district into director districts no later than eight months of any of the following events:

- A. Receipt of federal decennial census data from the redistricting commission;
- B. Consolidation of the district with one or more other districts into one district;
- C. Transfer of territory to or from the district or dissolution and annexation of the district; or
- D. Annexation of territory to or from the district; or
- E. Approval by a majority of the district's voters of a proposal to divide the district into director districts pursuant to RCW 28A.343.030.

The districting or redistricting plan shall be adopted according to the procedure established under RCW 29A.76.010

Authority under Washington Voting Rights Act

The district will ensure that its voting system does not impair the ability of a protected class or classes, as defined by the Washington Voting Rights Act, to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice as a result of the dilution or abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class or classes.

To remedy a potential violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act, the district may change its electoral system, which may include, but is not limited to, implementing director districts.

Legal References:

Chapter 29A.92 RCW
Voting Rights Act

RCW 29A.76.010
Counties, municipal corporations,
and special purpose districts
RCW 28A.343.030

Certain school director districts —
provisions relating to certain school
districts — Election to authorize
division in school districts not already

divided into director districts
RCW 28A.343.040
School director districts — provisions relating to certain school districts--
Division or redivision of district into director districts
RCW 28A.343.050
School director districts — provisions relating to certain school districts —
Dissolution of directors' districts
RCW 28A.315.195
Organization and reorganization of school districts —
Transfer of territory by petition —
Requirements — Rules — Costs
RCW 28A.315.199
Transfer of territory or dissolution of financially insolvent school district by petition - Notification to affected districts - Mediation - Request for hearing - Notification to regional committee – Costs
RCW 28A.315.205
Transfer of territory or dissolution by petition - Regional committee responsibilities - Rules - Appeals
RCW 28A.315.215
Transfer of territory or annexation of financially insolvent district by agreement or order - Approval Order - Previously approved and imposed excess tax levies
RCW 29A.76.010
Counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts
Chapter 44.05
RCW Washington State Redistricting Act

Management Resources:
Reference Updates

Policy News, June 2011 Legal

Policy News, August 2008
Restructuring First Class Director Districts

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